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TAGS: PBOR, EFIS, JA, CH

SUBJECT: SENKAKU ISLANDS

REF: (A) TOKYO 6519; (B) NAHA 159; (C) TOKYO 6507

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DISSIMINATION COORDINATED WITH SS/O PER MR. SUMMERS.

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